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 PROTEINS, COMPOSITIONS )  
 AND USES THEREOF" (As )  
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Dear Sir:

Prior to the initial review of the above-identified patent application by the Examiner,  
please enter the following Preliminary Amendment.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

On Page 1, please amend the title to read as follows:

--"CANINE AND FELINE B7-2 PROTEINS, COMPOSITIONS AND USES  
THEREOF"--

On page 1, following the title of the invention, please add the following paragraph:

**--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is a Divisional of pending prior U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/646,561, filed March 19, 1999, entitled "Canine and Feline B7-2 Nucleic Acid Molecules and Uses Thereof"; which claims priority to international PCT Application No. PCT/US99/06187, filed March 19, 1999, entitled "Novel Forms of T Cell Costimulatory Proteins, Nucleic Acid Molecules, and Uses Thereof"; which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/062,597, filed April 17, 1998, entitled "Novel Forms of T Cell Costimulatory Proteins, Nucleic Acid Molecules, and Uses Thereof"; which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/078,765, filed March 19, 1998, entitled "Novel Forms of T Cell Costimulatory Proteins, Nucleic Acid Molecules, and Uses Thereof".--